

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF NANCY MILLIKEN, MD

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise, alongside Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, to recognize the outstanding service and trailblazing career of Dr. Nancy Milliken in celebration of her well-earned retirement. As the Founding Director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Milliken has touched the lives of women in San Francisco and across the nation. Her long and storied career has been defined by selfless service and unwavering devotion to the dignity of every patient.

Educated at Harvard University and Duke University Medical School, Dr. Milliken began her career facing indifference toward and underinvestment in women's health—among those in the medical field and in society at large. Equipped with a sharp intellect and a lifelong talent for speaking truth to power, she made it her mission to build a fairer, healthier future for women and girls.

In 1996, she helped UCSF establish one of the nation's first centers of excellence in women's health, spearheading efforts to strengthen medical training through clinical care, education, research, community engagement and leadership. These efforts continue to have a daily impact on the health of local women, including through the coordinated care provided at two clinics in San Francisco.

Under Dr. Milliken's leadership, the Center has also worked with community organizations across the country to open doors to quality, affordable health care. Partnering with a school district in Jackson, Mississippi, the Center helped provide education and physical activity programs to local students and residents. And in Grand Forks, North Dakota, it worked with a local clinic to provide critical resources for survivors of intimate partner violence.

Among her peers, Dr. Milliken is renowned for her courage and resilience. While organizing a conference with other centers of excellence, she led the charge to host practitioner workshops covering topics viewed by some as taboo, including abortion and lesbian health. In the face of much resistance, she successfully fought to ensure that attendees could access comprehensive educational sessions on these important subjects.

Always looking to the future, she has also worked to prepare the next generation of women's health practitioners. In partnership with Congresswoman SPEIER, Dr. Milliken has helped educate more than 10,000 high school students through the Young Women's Health and Leadership Summit—an annual event organized by and for the young women of San Francisco.

Rarely seeking the spotlight, Dr. Milliken is more interested in her long-term impact than

accolades or titles. She readily shares credit and eagerly mentors those seeking to follow in her footsteps. Yet her remarkable achievements have been recognized by an array of professional and community organizations, including the Academy of Women's Health, the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Hunters Point Family.

Right now, women across our country are bracing for a Supreme Court decision that will dramatically restrict our Constitutional rights and health freedoms. As we confront this challenge, our nation is blessed by the warriors trained by Dr. Milliken, who are prepared to defend the health and welfare of American women.

Congress and the Country salute the committed service of this brilliant researcher, doctor, leader and friend, and we wish her all the best as she prepares for a deeply deserved retirement.

MATTHEW MARKEE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Matthew Markee's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Matthew graduated from Cape May County Technical High School and obtained his Eagle Scout ranking as a part of Troop 65 in Cape May Court House. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew restored the Cape May County Park South pavilion in Villas, South Jersey. Before Matthew's project, the pavilion had paint peeling off and a leaking roof. To remedy the issue, Matthew removed the old tar paper and roof shingles from the pavilion and replaced them himself. He also painted and cleaned up the pavilion, restoring it to original condition. Matthew completed the repairs, gained the funding for the project, and recruited volunteers for the project on his own. He should be very proud of his service to South Jersey and Park South, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. God Bless Matthew, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING ALCOA MASSENA OPERATIONS ON THEIR 120TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Alcoa Massena Operations on 120 years of successful operations in Massena. The abundant hydroelectric energy supply in Massena drew Alcoa to the location in 1902 and, since then,

the facility has become an integral part of the community.

Alcoa Massena Operations is a great example of a facility focused on innovation and modernization. One hundred and twenty years ago in Massena, New York, Alcoa broke ground on what is now the world's oldest continuously operating smelter and has been focused on revolutionizing the aluminum industry by helping their customers develop more sustainable solutions.

The Alcoa Massena plant is comprised of 198 pre-brake lines, making it one of the largest and most automated potlines in the industry. Alcoa Massena Operations can produce an incredible 800,000 pounds of aluminum every single day. In addition to smelting, the plant uses the melted aluminum to produce over sixty different alloys and rolling aluminum rods for customer shipment. Alcoa Massena Operations provides over 550 jobs for Massena community members, making an important element of the dynamic North Country economy.

The jobs and services provided by this plant are integral to the vitality of Massena and the entirety of the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to congratulate Alcoa Massena Operations on one hundred and twenty years of continuous service. We thank them for all they provide to our community.

CELEBRATING MRS. RUTH BRIDGEFORTH LESTER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of service of Mrs. Ruth Bridgeforth Lester.

Mrs. Ruth Bridgeforth Lester was born in Southaven Mississippi to Mr. Gedie and Mrs. Willie Ruth McGowan Bridgeforth on November 17, 1938. She was 13 years old when her mother passed away and she began her lifelong journey as family Matriarch. With eight younger sisters and brothers she remained devoted and committed to taking care of family members. As the eldest, she made many sacrifices to help support the family and help her father Gedie raise her siblings.

Those early experiences prepared her for life as a businesswoman. She faced many obstacles planning for business administration and ownership, but her past experiences emphasized vision, commitment, and a capacity to serve and honor others. Ms. Lester had learned to overcome any fears, erasing any and all doubts, and "bridging forth" to new endeavors. Thus, Ms. Lester became the proud owner of The Final Touch, the first nail salon, in Memphis, TN. She and her business partner opened the nail salon in October 1972.

Ms. Lester continues to give, serve, and create capacity throughout her family and the

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community she lives in and works in across the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. She is well known for her savory and healthy meals, even giving food to strangers. No one goes hungry around her. She has been and continues to be the unbeatable family cook for over 70 years.

Ruth has lived in the Desoto County area and has been a contributing citizen for at least 65 years of her life. As a matter of fact, the home that she currently lives in was the last home that her father Gedie built, and where she and her siblings were born.

JACOB LEWIS

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Jacob Lewis was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Jacob is the Valedictorian of Millville High School's Class of 2022, which has a total of 378 students. As well as excelling in academics, he is also involved in many extra-curricular activities. Jacob is a student-athlete who earned eight varsity letters on both the boys' soccer and tennis teams. In the fall, he will continue his academic and athletic careers at the University of Pennsylvania. Jacob should be very proud of all his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. God Bless Jacob, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JAIME SHIMEK ON HER DEPARTURE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee and its staff, to pay tribute to Jaime Shimek after her nearly 20 years of Federal service.

Hailing from Washington State, Jaime began her career as an intern for Representative Norm Dicks and as a staffer for Senator MARIA CANTWELL. She then served as Washington Senator PATTY MURRAY's Senior Policy Advisor for eight years, handling the appropriations and energy, agriculture, and water portfolios. Jaime left Congress, moving over to the Department of Energy where she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs before serving as the Director of Federal Affairs at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

She then came back to Congress and joined the Appropriations Committee, where she has served for the past five years, including as Clerk of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee since 2017.

Madam Speaker, during her time with Appropriations, Jaime has been an invaluable asset to the Members of the Committee and myself. She has a profound technical under-

standing of the full scope of the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, ranging from water infrastructure projects across the country to nuclear weapons to energy and science programs. She has been at the helm of the responsible investments we have made in the past several years to strengthen our energy independence, diversify our energy sources, fight climate change, rebuild our water infrastructure, and create green jobs.

I know I do not just speak for myself when I say we will miss Jaime greatly on this team. Jaime's hard work and her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and Congress have made her an incredible asset. I look forward to her future endeavors in her home state of Washington at a Department of Energy national lab and congratulate her on her career. The Appropriations Committee, and our entire Nation are indebted to Jaime and grateful for her service.

H.R. 2020, THE POST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE ONLINE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter I've sent to Chairman DEFAZIO of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2022.

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN DEFAZIO: I write concerning H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative González-Colón. The Financial Services Committee received an additional referral on this bill but has not formally foregone any further consideration of the bill because we were unfortunately not given sufficient time to review it prior to it being brought to the floor on suspension. While I support the apparent purpose of this legislation, I am concerned that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have not been consulted for their opinion or technical drafting assistance on this legislation when they will play key roles in implementing this bill.

I have shared the text of this legislation with both HUD and FEMA and requested their input. I would appreciate your cooperation in addressing any concerns from these agencies and integrating any technical drafting changes they suggest as you work to move this bill in the Senate. My staff will be in touch as they receive feedback from these agencies.

I will be submitting a copy of this letter in the Congressional Record and I look forward to working with you on this and other issues where our Committees cross paths.

Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,
Chairwoman.

IRENE JACOBSON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Irene Jacobson's 105th birthday celebration. Irene was born in April of 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts. After completing secretarial courses at Boston schools, she began her career as a secretary. Then, in 1937, Irene was set up on a blind date where she met her husband, Simon. In June of 1939, Irene and Simon got married and eventually had three children. During her time as a stay-at-home mom, Irene began her first volunteer effort where she worked on John F. Kennedy's first political campaign. In 1961, Irene and Simon moved their family to Vineland, South Jersey, where they made many friends, were actively involved in their synagogue, and generously contributed to the South Jersey community. In 2010, Irene won the Nutrition Award through my Joint Legislative Commendation efforts during my time in the New Jersey State Senate. Additionally, in 2017, she was recognized by the Cumberland County Freeholders for her service. Currently, Irene is a member of The Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Vineland and the Alliance Synagogue in Norma. She also enjoys spending time with family, reading, watching movies, and word puzzles. Irene should be proud of her service to the South Jersey community, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to attend her birthday celebration. God Bless Irene, and God Bless our United States of America.

FEDERAL RESERVE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2543 and thank Chairwoman WATERS for assembling this legislation.

I would like to highlight a critical provision of the bill, the Expanding Financial Access for Underserved Communities Act. As a former employee of a credit union, I understand that joining a credit union can provide Americans with invaluable financial opportunities.

However, unlike other depository institutions and financial services providers, not everyone in America can join a credit union. The Chairwoman's bill, and this package, help to mitigate that issue by allowing federally chartered credit unions the opportunity to apply to provide services for low-income, underserved and rural communities, where financial services are unfortunately limited to a payday lender or pawnshop. Nothing in this bill precludes any other financial services provider from serving these communities, and credit unions should not be restricted either.

I have seen firsthand the affordable and dependable services credit unions provide, and how they exist to change the lives of their members. Let us continue to work together to bring more common-sense solutions to America's unbanked.